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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/809,362

Applicants: Mitsunori NARUSE, et al.

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For: TORQUE SENSOR AND ELECTRIC  
STEERING DEVICE USING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2855

Examiner: DAVIS, O.



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SIR:

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#### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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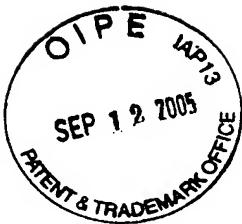
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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 10, 2005, the Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group II corresponding to Claims 3-5.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement based on MPEP § 803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

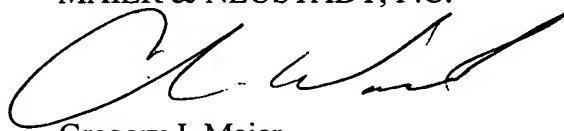
The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-5 be conducted.

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